

ADA Advisory Committee Minutes
Friday, July 28, 2023, at 10:00am

Meeting was held at, The City-County of Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse, Conference Room 203 ,155 West Granite, Suite 209 , Butte, MT 59701 and via Zoom.

A. Call to Order

- a. Cassie called meeting to order at 10:05am

B. Attendance-Members:

- Alice de Chelley
- Lori Hamner
- Bryon Higgins
- Barb Knapke
- Jason Alexander
- Matt Patrick
- Cassie Wick
- Kendra Brown
- Theresa Rader

Attendance-Public:

- Jamie Decker, Business Owner
- Jim Kambic, BSB Chief of Staff

C. Public Comment on any Item on the Agenda

D. Agenda Items

- a. Ordinance Compliance – Committee Coordinator
 - i. Approval Bylaws/Rules Order **COMMITTEE VOTE**
 - 1. Approved by all members in attendance
 - ii. Correction of Term Limits
 - iii. Nominate Chairperson and Vice Chairperson **COMMITTEE VOTE**
 - 1. Theresa nominated Cassie as Chair, Matt second
 - a. Approved by all members in attendance
 - 2. Cassie nominated Barb as Vice Chair, Matt second
 - a. Approved by all members in attendance
- b. Grievance Reporting- Committee Coordinator
 - i. James is also working on creating an online system for documenting and following up on reports of ADA grievances. This specific process for Butte-Silver Bow programs and property. Grievances about private businesses may be brought up to the committee but they would not fall in this grievance procedure.
- c. ADA Coordinator Report
 - i. There have been two grievances received in the last month:
 - 1. Folk Festival: A community member was concerned that there was not going to be ADA accommodations to attend the festival. James spoke with George Everett, the festival planner, and these accommodations were being provided. They were not advertised or documented well. James recommended to add all accessibility information into the documents for next year

2. Top Deck Medical Building: See agenda item G

E. Other Business

- a. Town Pump Accessible Parking: Kendra presented a comment received by a community member about the Town Pump on the corner of Montana and Platinum. There is not signage to indicate the accessible parking, just painted lines on the asphalt. The member said these spots are usually occupied by non-designated vehicles. Theresa will connect Cassie and Kendra to the building manager with Town Pump to bring it to their attention.
- b. Access to the Mall: Alice reported trying to access the mall from Harrison while using her wheelchair. There was not a curb cut so she was not able to exit the sidewalk to the Mall. Cassie will follow up with the mall.

F. Special Subcommittee Reports

G. Public Comment on any Item not on the agenda

- a. A guest community member, Jamie Decker, joined the committee meeting today to discuss a grievance she has had with permitting with Butte-Silver Bow. Jamie owns the building at 160 W Granite and is working to open a primary care health clinic, Top Deck Medical. Currently, the building is not accessible. Jamie applied to add a ramp to the only feasible door and was denied access to go onto the sidewalk. Cassie coordinated with James Ouellette, Lloyd Sparks (ADA coordinator at the State of Montana) and Kristen Newman (ADA coordinator for Ability Montana) to look at the property. Kristen will write a report stating that it is recommended under the ADA to add the ramp as requested. There is adequate space on the sidewalk to accommodate the ramp and right of way passage on the other side. There is no other feasible option. James hopes to use this as an opportunity to work with Butte-Silver Bow to create a more efficient process for addressing accessibility concerns within county departments such as Public Works and Planning.

H. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned by chair at 11:10am